

ANNUAL SCHOLARS' CONFERENCE

ON THE HOLOCAUST AND THE CHURCHES

THE ACKERMAN CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES at THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

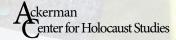
"(Dis)continuities in the Third Reich"

MARCH 4 – 6, 2023

The University of Texas at Dallas The Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center







Special Lectures

MICHAEL AND ELAINE JAFFE LECTURE



Sunday, March 5 | 9:00 am

Dr. Martin Dean

Member of the Academic Council of the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center

"1933, 1938, and 1943 – Continuity and Change: The Evolution of the Holocaust"

Dr. Dean will discuss how years 1933, 1938, and 1943 all witnessed seismic shifts in Nazi policy that had a dramatic impact on the trajectory of the Holocaust. From book burnings in 1933, to the torching of synagogues in 1938, and the incineration of corpses on a massive scale, the combination of harsh legal measures with all-consuming anti-Jewish violence made the Holocaust a constantly evolving component of Nazi policy from 1933 through 1943, and beyond.

MITCHELL L. AND MIRIAM LEWIS BARNETT LECTURE



Sunday, March 5 | 7:15 pm *There is a pre-lecture reception at 6:30 pm*

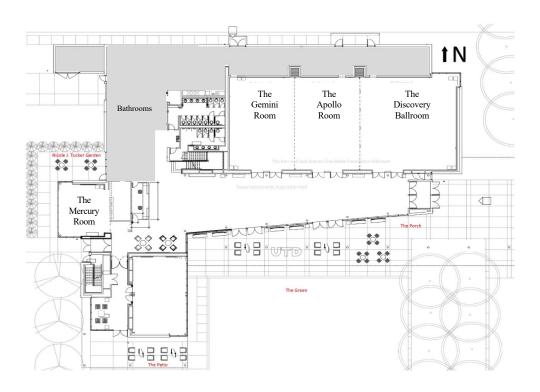
Glenn Kurtz

2019-2023 Presidential Fellow at Chapman University

"Three Minutes in Poland:
Discovering a Lost World in a 1938 Family Film"

Glenn Kurtz is the author of *Three Minutes in Poland: Discovering a Lost World in a 1938 Family Film*, which *The Los Angeles Times* called "breathtaking," and it has received high critical praise in *The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune*, and many other publications. A documentary film based on the book, *Three Minutes—A Lengthening*, directed by Bianca Stigter, co-produced by Academy Awardwinner Steve McQueen, and narrated by Helena Bonham Carter, was screened for the public on March 1 head of the conference.

The Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center





Agenda at a Glance —

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Check-in and registration will be open from 6:30pm – 7:30pm

7:30pm – 9:00pm | Opening Dinner for Presenters and Invited Guests

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Check-in and registration will open at 8am and be available throughout the Conference

8:00am – 9:00am	Coffee and Light Breakfast
9:00am – 10:30am	Welcome Remarks and Keynote Lecture Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture by Dr. Martin Dean "1933, 1938, and 1943: The Evolution of the Holocaust"
10:45am – 12:15pm	Session #1 "The Holocaust from the Margins" "Resistance and Rescue"
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Lunch Presentation of the Eternal Flame Award
2:15pm – 3:45pm	Session #2 "Jehovah's Witness: The Roots, Realities, and Legacy of Religious Resistance" "Cultural Memory"
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Session #3 "Haunted Generations: Narrative Investigations of the Nazi Past"
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Dinner
6:30pm – 7:15pm	Public Reception
7:15pm – 8:30pm	Public Lecture by Glenn Kurtz Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture "Three Minutes in Poland"

Agenda at a Glance

Coffee and Light Breakfast

Monday, March 6, 2023

8:00am – 9:00am |

Midrash

9:00am – 10:00am | Welcome Remarks
"Digital Studies of the Dachau Concentration Camp"

10:15am –12:00pm | Session #4
"Dismantling Antisemitism: 2000 and 20 Years of 'The Big Lie'"

12:15pm – 2pm | Lunch

Screening of Lawrence L. Langer: A Life in Testimony

2:15pm – 4:00pm | Session #5

"Legacies and Reflections"

"Representation and Remembrance"

4:15pm – 5:45pm | Session #6

"New Approaches and Lenses"

6:00pm – 7:30pm | Closing Dinner

Thank you

We are grateful to the University and our supporters whose generosity has made the Holocaust Studies Program and what we do possible. With hundreds of students every year in our classes, and a large field of studies revolving around the topic of the Holocaust, we are achieving our mission of "Teaching the Past, Changing the Future."

Scan the QR Code to see a list of sponsors for the 53rdAnnual Scholars' Conference.



About the Ackerman Center

Founded by Holocaust scholar and survivor Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth in 1986 with the mission of *Teaching the Past, Changing the Future*, the Holocaust Studies Program at UT Dallas has earned an international reputation for excellence. The Ackerman Center has grown into a distinguished and publicly-engaged academic center that offers an in-depth view of the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights studies within a dedicated facility. Among the top tier of Holocaust research programs in the country, the Ackerman Center has five endowed faculty positions, which are complemented by additional part and full-time professors and lecturers. With the recent rise of anti-Semitism and human rights violations, the lessons of the Holocaust are more important than ever in the 21st century. By advancing a continuous engagement with the past, the Ackerman Center will be a vital part of promoting solutions to the challenges to global justice and peace in our world.

Highlights of the Ackerman Center

- Graduate and undergraduate courses
- Fellowships and scholarships
- Graduate Certificate in Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Studies
- Annual Einspruch Lectures on the Holocaust
- Public lectures, film screenings, teachers' workshops, and other events

About The University of Texas at Dallas

Founded in 1969, The University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) began as a modest collection of research stations in a North Texas cotton field. Today, UT Dallas' footprint is vastly different, serving the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and the State of Texas as a global leader in innovative, high quality research and education. Its mission is to 1) produce engaged graduates who are well-prepared for life, work, and leadership; 2) advance excellent educational and research programs in the natural and social sciences, engineering and technology, business, and arts and humanities; and 3) transform ideas into actions that benefit the economic, social, and cultural lives of the people of Texas.

About the Conference

Founded in 1970 by Franklin H. Littell* and Hubert G. Locke*, the Annual Scholars' Conference addresses the historical significance of the Holocaust through scholarship that is interfaith, international, and interdisciplinary. The ASC provides an invaluable forum for scholars to discuss and advance Holocaust research, ensuring the valuable lessons of the Holocaust remain relevant for today's world.

The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas is proud to be the permanent home of The Annual Scholars' Conference.

* Of blessed memory

From the Conference Chair



Dr. David Patterson
Conference Chair,
53rd Annual Scholars' Conference
Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair of
Holocaust Studies
The University of Texas at Dallas

This year is the 53rd year of the Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches. In 1970 Franklin Littell and

Hubert Locke launched the Conference, an event which, for many, marked the beginning of Holocaust studies as a discipline unto itself. The ASCHC continues to embodies the enduring memory and testimony summoned in the systematic murder of European Jewry. Each year the Conference welcomes the world's most prominent scholars and dedicated students to engage this Event that transformed history and the understanding of our humanity.

Executive Conference Committee

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Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth

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Dr. David Patterson

Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies The University of Texas at Dallas

Past Venues –

Prior to finding a permanent home at The University of Texas at Dallas, the Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches had moved to different geographic locations with local institutional sponsorship. Below is a list of the past venues that have sponsored the Annual Scholars' Conference.

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1970	Wayne State University (Detroit, MI)	
1971	National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) (New York	City)
1972	NCCJ (San Jose, CA)	
1973-80	NCCJ (New York City)	
1981-84	University of Washington (Seattle, WA)	
1985	Anne Frank Institute/Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)	
1986	Chicago Theological Seminary (Evanston, IL)	
1987-88	U. S. Holocaust Memorial Council (Washington, DC)	
1989	Anne Frank Institute (Philadelphia, PA)	
1990	Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN)	
1991	Stockton University (Galloway, NJ)	
1992	The University of Washington (Seattle, WA)	
1993	The University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)	
1994	Rider University (Lawrenceville, NJ)	
	Humboldt University (Berlin, Germany)	
1995	Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)	
1996	University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN)	
1997	University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)	
1998	University of Washington (Seattle, WA)	
1999	Nassau Community College (New York, NY)	
2000-01	Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)	
2002	Kean University (Union, NJ)	
2003	Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)	
2004	Eckhart College (St. Petersburg, FL)	
2005	Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)	
2006-07	Case Western Reserve University (Cincinnati, OH)	
2008	Keene State College (Keene, NH)	
2009	Stockton University (Galloway, NJ)	
2010	Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)	
2011-12	Monroe College (Rochester, NY)	
2013-14	American Jewish University (Los Angeles, CA)	
2015-17	Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)	
2018 - present	The University of Texas at Dallas (Dallas, TX)	
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Saturday, March 4th -

Check-in and registration will be open from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

6:30pm - 7:30pm | Welcome Reception

Inspiration Hall

7:30pm – 9:00pm | Opening Dinner

The Discovery Ballroom

Dr. Nils Roemer, The University of Texas at Dallas Dean of the School of Arts, Humanities, and Technology Director of the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies Arts, Humanities, and Technology Distinguished University Chair Stan and Barbara Rabin Distinguished Professor in Holocaust Studies

Dr. David Patterson, The University of Texas at Dallas Conference Chair, 53rd Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair of Holocaust Studies

Rev. Dr. Henry F. Knight

Past President and Current Member of the ASC Executive Conference Committee

Sunday, March 5th

Check-in and registration will open at 8am and be available throughout the Conference

8:00am – 9:00am | Morning Reception

Inspiration Hall

Coffee, Tea, Water, and a Pastry Assortment Beverage station will be open throughout the day

9:00am - 10:30am | Welcome and Keynote

Opening Remarks by Dr. Nils Roemer

Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture

The Discovery Ballroom

Dr. Martin Dean

Member of the Academic Council of the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center

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10:30am - 10:45am | Break

Sunday, March 5th

10:45am - 12:15pm | Session #1

The Holocaust from the Margins

The Apollo Room

Isaac Amon

Director of Academic Research, Jewish Heritage Alliance

"From the Inquisition to Auschwitz: Thessaloniki and the Sephardic Jewish Experience"

Jen Cantrell-Sutor

PhD Candidate, The University of Texas at Dallas

"The Porrajmos and Polyglotism: Translating the 'Night of the Romani Burning'"

Yitzchak Kerem

Editor, *Sefarad vehaMizrah* and Spiegel Fellow in Holocaust Research (Bar Ilan University) "The Sephardim from Europe in the Holocaust: Annihilation, Resistance and Communal

Destruction"

Resistance and Rescue

The Gemini Room

Paul R. Bartrop

Professor Emeritus, Florida Gulf Coast University

"Christian Rescuers of Jews in Vichy France during the Holocaust: The Cases of Amitié Chrétienne and CIMADE"

Darlene Cheyenne Martin

Rebecca and Edwin Gale Distinguished Professor, The University of Texas Medical Branch "Doctors & Nurses in Resistance During the Holocaust and in Ukraine"

Zohar Segev

Professor of Jewish History, University of Haifa

"Between Activism and Restraint: The American Jewish Leadership and Rescue Activity During 1943"

12:15pm - 12:30pm | Break

12:30pm - 2:00pm | Lunch

Discovery Ballroom

Presentation of the Eternal Flame Award

Dr. Lawrence L. Langer

Alumnae Chair Professor of English Emeritus, Simmons College

Sunday, March 5th

2:00pm – 2:15pm | Break

2:15pm - 3:45pm | Session 2

Jehovah's Witnesses: The Roots, Realities, and Legacy of Religious Resistance The Apollo Room

Jolene Chu

Senior Researcher, World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses

"The Role of Millennial Thought in Jehovah's Witnesses' Nonviolent Resistance to Nazism"

Ernst Schneidereit

Educator and Consultant

"Persecution Delayed: Jehovah's Witnesses in Lithuania Minor, 1933-1945"

Annette Garcia-Acosta

Educational Consultant

"Wedon'tdothat: Presenting the Nazi-era History of Jehovah's Witnesses at the Ghetto Fighters' House Museum in Israel"

Cultural Memory

The Gemini Room

Karen S. Franklin

Director of Family Research, Leo Baeck Institute

"From Kristallnacht to 2023: The Story of Refugees of the Holocaust Continues"

Lorraine Madway

Professor & Associate Dean for Special Collections, University of Alabama

"The Politics of Persuasion in 1943: The Impact of the 'We Will Never Die' Pageant "

Angie Simmons

PhD Candidate and Belofsky Fellow, The University of Texas at Dallas

"Turning Tribulations into Triumph: Nazi Germany and the Culture of Defeat"

<u>3:45pm – 4:00pm | Break</u>

4:00pm – 5:30pm | Session #3

Haunted Generations: Narrative Investigations of the Nazi Past

The Apollo Room

Sunday, March 5th

4:00pm - 5:30pm | Session #3

Haunted Generations: Narrative Investigations of the Nazi Past

The Apollo Room

Victoria Aarons

Distinguished Professor of Literature, Trinity University

"Writing Against the Silence of Past Generations: Nora Krug's *Belonging: A German Reckons with History and Home*"

Margarete Feinstein

Associate Director & Clinical Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, Loyola Marymount University "Writing for Self-Preservation: Jewish German Families in Flight"

Phyllis Lassner

Professor Emerita, Northwestern University

"Families in a Time of Catastophe: Anna Gmeyner's Manja, 1920-1938"

5:30pm - 6:30pm | Dinner

The Discovery Ballroom
Remarks by Dr. David Patterson

6:30pm - 7:15pm | Public Reception

Inspiration Hall

7:15pm | Kevnote Lecture

The Gemini Ballroom

Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture

Glenn Kurtz

Presidential Fellow at Chapman University, 2019-2023 John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship Recipient, 2016-2017

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Monday, March 6th

Check-in and registration will open at 8am and be available throughout the Conference

8:00am – 9:00am | Morning Reception and Midrash Session

Coffee, Tea, Water, and a Parfait Bar *Inspiration Hall*

Midrash Session – "Once More to Sinai: A Post-Shoah Midrashic Dialogue" The Apollo Room

David Patterson

Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair of Holocaust Studies, The University of Texas at Dallas

Hank Knight

Professor Emeritus of Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Keene State College

9:00am - 10:00am | Welcome and Special Presentation

Digital Studies of the Dachau Concentration Camp

The Discovery Ballroom

Digital Studies of the Holocaust Team, The University of Texas at Dallas
Nils Roemer, Stan and Barbara Rabin Distinguished Professor in Holocaust Studies
Katie Fisher, PhD Candidate and Belofsky Fellow
Sarthak Khanna, Information Technology Management
Angie Simmons, PhD Candidate and Belofsky Fellow
Siddhant Somani, Business Analytics

10:00am – 10:15am | Break

10:15am -12:00pm | Session #4

Dismantling Antisemitism: 2000 and 20 Years of 'The Big Lie'

The Apollo Room

Steven Leonard Jacobs

Professor of Religious Studies; Emeritus Chair of Judaic Studies, The University of Alabama "Dismantling the 'Big Lie': The 'Story' of the Book--Not the Text!"

Christine Maxwell

Research Fellow, The Institute for Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP) "The Relevancy: Third Generation Going Forward"

Monday, March 6th -

10:15am -12:00pm | Session #4 (Cont.)

Dismantling Antisemitism: 2000 and 20 Years of 'The Big Lie'

The Apollo Room

David Patterson

Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies, The University of Texas at Dallas "The Role of the Protocols in the Nazis' Demonization of the Jews"

Iszabella Tabarovsky

Senior Program Associate, Kennan Institute

"The Russians: One Hundred Years of Propaganda"

12:00pm - 12:15pm | Break

12:15pm - 2:00pm | Lunch with Program

The Discovery Ballroom

Screening of Lawrence L. Langer: A Life in Testimony Introduced by David Patterson

2:00pm - 2:15pm | Break

2:15pm – 4:00pm | Session #5

Legacies and Reflections

The Apollo Room

Perscilla Bartley

Masters Student, Stockton University

"Gender-Based Violence and Hidden Female Holocaust Survivors"

Jessica Foster

PhD Student, Clemson University

"Escaping the Trap of Treblinka: Ruptures and Continuities in Survivor Perceptions of the 2 August 1943 Uprising"

Richard Libowitz

Emeritus Associate Professor, Intellectual Heritage Program, Temple University

Less than the Facts: The Eichmann Story and American Television

Daniel R. Neuspiel

Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Atrium Health

The Tragic Legacy of Pediatrics under National Socialism in Vienna

Monday, March 6th -

2:15pm – 4:00pm | Session #5 (Cont.)

Representation and Remembrance

The Gemini Room

Teresa Mayo

Adjunct Professor, The University of North Texas

"Art as a Window to the Soul: Healing and Testament through Aesthetic Creation"

James Ruffato

Franco-American Documentary Filmmaker

"Leo Marchutz & Lithography"

J.E. Wolfson

State Coordinator of Education, Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission "Clutch the Thorny Rosebush: The Call to Witness the November Pogrom in Hans Peter Richter's *Friedrich*"

4:00pm - 4:15pm | Break

4:15pm - 5:45pm | Session #6

New Approaches and Lenses

The Apollo Room

Igor A. Kotler (paper co-authored with Ilya Altman)

President and Executive Director, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom, and Tolerance "New Curriculum on the Holocaust, Camp Liberation, and the Culture of Remembrance"

Dyanne K. Martin

Assistant Professor of English Literature, Wheaton College

"The Power of Literature: Teaching the Holocaust to a New Generation"

Andrew Weinstein

Professor of the History of Art, Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York "Psychological Readings of David Levinthal's Use of Toys in *Hitler Moves East* and *Mein Kampf*"

5:45pm – 6:00pm | Break

6:00pm – 7:30pmpm | Dinner

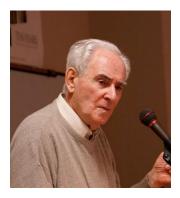
The Discovery Ballroom

The Eternal Flame Award

The Eternal Flame Award is given to acknowledge individuals whose words and actions have endeavored to assure that we remember the horrific past and murder of six million Jews during the Holocaust and to build a better future for all humanity.

Previous recipients of The Eternal Flame Award include: Elie Wiesel*, Franklin Littell*, Marcia Sachs Littell, Elisabeth Maxwell*, Yehuda Bauer, Michael Berenbaum, Harry James Cargas*, Gideon Hausner*, A. Roy Eckardt*, Beate Klarsfeld, John S. Conway*, Richard Libowitz, Richard Rubenstein, Yaffa Eliach*, Emil Fackenheim*, His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan, Hubert Locke*, Vidal Sassoon*, Gotfried Wagner, Felix Zandman*, Peter Hoffmann, Henry F. Knight, David Patterson, Nils Roemer, Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, Martin Rumscheidt, and Abraham H. Foxman.

This year's recipient is Lawrence L. Langer, the Alumnae Chair Professor of English emeritus from Simmons College (now Simmons University) in Boston, from which he retired in 1992. He is the author of numerous books and articles on Holocaust literature, memoirs, testimony and art, including *The Holocaust and the Literary Imagination* (1976), which was one of three finalists for the National Book Award. His *Holocaust Testimonies: The Ruins of Memory* (1991) won the National Book Critics Circle Award for criticism and was named one of the ten best books of the year by the Sunday *New York Times* Book Review.



His most recent work is *The Afterdeath of the Holocaust* (2021). He has also provided extended critical commentary for twelve volumes representing the artistic achievement of child Holocaust survivor Samuel Bak, whose titles include *Landscapes of Jewish Experience* (1997), *Return to Vilna* (2007), and *From Generation to Generation* (2016). In 2016 he received the Holocaust Educational Foundation Distinguished Achievement Award for Holocaust Studies and Research.

Ackerman enter for Holocaust Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas

TEACHING THE PAST, CHANGING THE FUTURE

For more than thirty years, the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas has served the students of UT Dallas and the Dallas Metroplex by teaching the history and legacy of the Holocaust both in the classroom and through public events.





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